



Proposed Las Pilitas Quarry Project DRC 2009-0025

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Mr. Wilson,

There are so many good reasons to choose Project Alternative 6.5 listed in the Draft EIR. One of the biggest concerns I note in this Draft is on page 4: Particulate Matter (PM10 and PM25.) I personally know Parkhill neighbors who suffer from Valley Fever. Releasing Valley Fever spores into the air through mining activities will expose more neighbors to this disease. The only way I can conceive the project owners could control the release of these spores is by using more of our water supply to control particulate matter. I know several Parkhill neighbors who have to have water trucked in during years of low rainfall. Would the project owners truck in water to control all this particulate matter, or plunder the water supply of the Parkhill community?

Then there are obvious safety concerns created by using Highway 58 for the hundreds of truck trips contemplated by the project owners. The point of entry from the project site onto Highway 58 would create dangerous traffic conditions because this highway is just two lanes divided by solid yellow lines, and very curvy. How many cyclists, motorcyclists, and auto passengers must be injured or die coming in contact with a tractor trailer too big to stay in its own lane of travel before the County -- and State -- take notice of this hazard? This project is just too dangerous for the Parkhill community.

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